GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:12
ANSWERED ON:30.11.2015
Steel Imports
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steel imports during each of the last three years including semi-finished steel, country-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to restrict steel imports from Northern and Eastern Countries and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the steel imports are on the rise in the recent past and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to protect the domestic steel industry and restrict unwanted dumping of steel in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a)to(d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*12 FOR ANSWER ON 30/11/2015 TABLED BY SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY KOTHA, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING STEEL IMPORTS.

(a) Details are given at Annexure.

(b) There is no proposal to specifically restrict steel imports from Northern and Eastern countries.

(c)&(d): Steel being a deregulated sector, the role of Government is limited to be that of a facilitator for the growth of steel industry in the country. Decision relating to import of various categories of steel etc. are, therefore, the sole decision of the individual steel manufacturer or other stake holders. The increase/decrease in import of steel into the country depend on various factors like demand-supply for various items/grades of steel in the domestic market, fluctuations in value of currency, import regulations etc. As per available data for the last three years, the steel imports have increased significantly in 2014-15 and first half of 2015-16. In order to ensure only quality steel is allowed to import into the country and also ensure adequate supply of raw materials to domestic steel industry the Government has taken the following measures :

(i) To ensure that only quality steel is imported, Government has notified Steel and Steel Product (Quality Control) Order dated 12.03.12 as last amended on 04.12.14.

(ii) The Union Budget 2015-16 has raised peak rate of basic customs duty on both flat and non-flat steel to 15% from 10%.

(iii) Hiked import duty on ingots & billets, alloy steel (flat & long), stainless steel (long) and non-alloy long products from 5 % to 7.5% and non-alloy and other alloy flat products from 7.5% to 10%. This was further revised in August, 2015 on flat steel from 10% to 12.5%, long steel from 7.5% to 10% and semi-finished steel from 7.5% to 10%.

(iv) Government directed in November, 2014 that import of rebars may be strictly as per Steel Product Quality Control Order 2012 to block influx of cheap imports of boron added rebars.

(v) Government has imposed in June, 2015, an Anti-Dumping Duty for five years on imports of certain variety of hot-rolled flat products of stainless steel from China ($ 309 per tonne), Korea ($ 180 per tonne) and Malaysia ($ 316 per tonne).

(vi) In September, 2015, the Government has imposed provisional Safeguard Duty of 20% on hot-rolled flat products of non-alloy and other alloy steel, in coils of a width of 600 mm or more, for a period of 200 days.

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Annexure to reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No.12 due for 30.11.2015

Country-wise Import of Steel - Non-alloy, Alloy and Stainless
(Qty : in thousand tons)

Country	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (April-Oct 2015)
ARGENTINA	2.10	0.53	1.74	0.16
AUSTRALIA	26.72	6.29	9.87	2.83
BAHARIN	12.23	5.04	7.01	2.71
BANGLADESH	0.29	0.10	0.00	0.26
BELGIUM	170.30	95.30	130.92	59.55
BRAZIL	234.97	77.17	146.06	102.48
CANADA	45.80	19.23	9.07	4.79
CHILE	0.10	0.06	0.28	0.16
CHINA	1688.24	1088.44	3610.47	2050.34
DENMARK	10.72	12.74	20.02	8.01
DJIBOUTI	0.41	0.00	0.00	0.62
EGYPT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
FINLAND	12.38	13.81	11.80	7.49
FRANCE	126.95	36.69	156.38	41.42
GERMANY	573.81	189.71	155.16	133.11
GHANA	0.05	0.04	0.00	0
HONGKONG	3.24	0.65	1.66	2.28
INDONESIA	5.49	2.29	157.49	322.43
IRAN	129.18	127.72	0.00	0
ITALY	85.80	25.59	56.19	19.45
JAPAN	1586.74	1355.68	1601.93	1404.21
JORDAN	0.00	0.15	0.00	0.19
KAZAKHSTAN	14.06	8.12	8.93	4.91
KOREA	1664.32	1320.69	1926.65	1820.27
KUWAIT	20.67	26.06	47.22	2.75
LEBANON	0.37	0.18	0.00	0
MACEDONIA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
MALAYASIA	48.38	32.83	105.30	57.04
NETHERLAND	27.49	22.12	44.97	12.46
ROMANIA	10.46	26.21	11.14	1.13
RUSSIA	536.17	147.40	228.54	220.63
SAUDI ARABIA	42.48	67.80	4.19	0.44
SOUTH AFRICA	69.04	52.98	98.36	82.05
SPAIN	73.65	21.12	29.67	15.74
SRI LANKA	0.30	0.22	0.12	0.11
TAIWAN	200.06	118.76	190.58	111.78
THAILAND	18.60	21.89	15.93	33.92
TURKEY	36.28	14.14	29.09	0.87
U.K.	80.88	32.59	40.98	26.19
UAE	149.60	54.72	186.27	109.86
UKRAIN	422.74	323.17	349.05	175.51
USA	167.33	103.67	144.19	67.71
Other	418.81	252.55	479.53	4441.41
TOTAL	8717.21	5704.45	10016.76	7199.15

Source: JPC

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